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HEAD, AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING LIQUID)
DISCHARGE HEAD) : October 30, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications, a copy of each of which is enclosed:

| <u>Application Number</u> | <u>Inventor(s)</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Group Art Unit</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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For the concise explanation of relevance for the foreign language documents, the Examiner is referred to page 6 of the specification, where those documents are discussed, to the English-language abstracts enclosed herewith, and to U.S. Patent No. 5,431,958, which is a U.S. counterpart to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 6-280023.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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